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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Soils Specialist *HS*

RE: Field Inspection, Oro Placer Mine, John Adams, S/019/022,
Grand County, Utah

A site visit was conducted on October 25, 1989 to the Oro Placer Mine in Grand County, Utah. The visit was made to evaluate a proposed mine site by Mr. John Adams. Mr. Sal Venticinque of the Grand Resource Area Office of the BLM accompanied me on this site visit. The site is accessed by following route 128 along the Colorado River to the Castle Valley Road; follow this road to the Castleton Cemetery. A dirt road can be found on the right hand of the main road across from the Castleton Cemetery which is then followed for about 1 mile until reaching the site.

No disturbance has developed at this site, as yet. The operator has proposed two or three pits, to be constructed on various portions of this site, and has proposed the installation of a water pond. A pond does already exist on the site, that was established some years ago by an unknown operator. The pond is dry and was fed by a spring. The pipes leading to the spring have been disrupted and are no longer functional. The new operator, Mr. Adams, will have to reconstruct the spring feeding of this pond. The pond will be used for process water and will be fed by spring water. The operator may have to obtain permits from State Water Rights and the Bureau of Water Pollution Control in order to establish this pond on the site. This information has not been forwarded to the operator as yet.

Mr. Venticinque indicated that the operator plans to mine several different types of precious metals at this site, probably including gold, silver and platinum. He also expressed the thought that although the paper work has been turned in, the operation may never really develop.

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The operator has turned in all the necessary paper work to the BLM. I intend to use the Notice of Intent that was turned in to the BLM in order to provide an approval letter to the operator.

jb
cc: Wayne Hedberg
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